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The Forreign Prints tell us, That the Marqueſs de Puiſieux, *Ambaſſador of the King of* France *in* Switzerland, *gave in the following Memorial to the* 13 Swiſs Cantons *aſſembled at* Baden *on the 6th of laſt Month.*

Magnificent Lords!

' PRudence was always the ſureſt Support ' of Governments; but ſuch is the Condi- ' tion of Men, that in Affairs of Importance ' 'tis hard to judge of a Project, tho' never ſo ' well concerted, whether it be the true Pro- ' duct of Prudence, or whether on the con- ' trary it be not the Fruit of Error; which ' while it thinks it has hold on Truth, graſps ' only the Shadow of it.

' In this State of Darkneſs, Prudence or ' Error is meaſur'd by the Event; and thoſe ' are generally eſteem'd moſt Prudent, who ' have moſt Succeſs in their Undertakings.

' 'Tis not on this Conſideration alone, ' Magnificent Lords, that it may be ſaid of ' your Anceſtors, that in all they acted they ' ſhew'd themſelves very Wiſe and Prudent; ' for, if we judge of their Conduct by the ' Event, we muſt acknowledge that no Na- ' tion was ever guided by more Wiſe and Pro- ' fitable Counſels, But let me intreat you to ' reflect on the Tranquility you have hitherto ' enjoy'd, and you will perceive that nothing ' has contributed more to maintain you in ' that happy Condition which all Europe be- ' holds with Admiration, than the Steadineſs ' with which you have purſued the Sage Ex- ' amples left you by your Glorious Anceſtors.

' Mean time what has there not been at- ' tempted, and what Endeavours are there not ' daily us'd, to wreſt out of your Hands the ' Olive Branch, the Emblem of Peace and ' Plenty, and to put the Sword of Mars in its ' place? if we may be allow'd to uſe ſuch ' figurative Expreſſions.

' Even the greater number of thoſe Per- ' ſons who reſide in your Country under the ' Sacred Names of Envoys and Ambaſſadors, ' are not wanting to excite you to Arm ' againſt each other: Indeed what is it to ' them, if in Switzerland one Brother ſtain ' his Hands in the Blood of another, and the ' Country be Sacrific'd to inteſtine Fury, pro- ' vided they compaſs their Ends?

' That indeed is the Condition they would ' be glad to ſee you in; for, do not Violence, ' Ambition and Injuſtice ſubſiſt by Commo- ' tions and Uproars? and are not theſe the ' Paſſions which at preſent agitate the Ene- ' mies of the King my Maſter?

' I aſſure my ſelf, Magnificent Lords, that I ' have comported my ſelf towards you after a ' different Manner: Have I not always repre- ' ſented to you, conformably to the Orders I ' receiv'd from the King, that you could not ' preſerve your ſelves without living in Union; ' that you ought to maintain inviolably your ' ancient Alliances; that States are upheld by ' the ſame Means they were eſtabliſh'd; and ' conſequently that to alter your Maxims of ' Government, and to ruin your ſelves, are but ' two Terms for the ſame thing; that you ' need not covet more Happineſs than what ' you enjoy; at home, Peace and Liberty; ' abroad, firm and advantageous Alliances; the ' Eſteem of all Princes; your Nation ho- ' nour'd for its Valour, and reſpected for its ' Wiſdom; in ſhort, that if one were to de- ' ſcribe a Nation happy in all Points, one ' muſt of neceſſity take yours for a Model?

' Magnificent Lords, you will never have ' a more faithful Ally than the King my Ma- ' ſter; an Ally that is more ſincerely deſirous ' of your Felicity. You will never have one ' who will Keep his Word more ſtrictly. Are ' you not ſatisfied of it by Experience? Has ' he fail'd in any thing he has promis'd you? ' What a new proof of the Confidence he re- ' poſes in you, and the Conſideration he has ' for you, hes he lately given! Have the o- ' ther Potentates, whom their own Intereſt ' has forc'd to court you, dealt thus with you? ' What have you had of them beſides empty ' Promiſes? Or if thoſe Potentates have be- ' gun to perform part of what they promis'd ' you, have they not preſently repented of it, ' have they not immediatly violated the plain- ' eſt Contracts that could be made;

' Magnificent Lords! If you would enjoy ' undiſturb'd the Advantages which the Wiſ- ' dom of your Conduct has hitherto procur'd ' you, let the Maxims of your illuſtrious An- ' ceſtors be ſtill the rule of that Conduct; and ' be perſwaded that the King, my Maſter, ' your moſt ancient Ally, Friend, and Con- ' federate, will always take Pleaſure in con- ' tributing all he can to whatever may ad- ' vance the Happineſs and Glory of your Na- ' tion; that he loves you, that he eſteems you, ' and finally that your Intereſt will always ' be as dear to him as his own: Of this I am ' order'd to aſſure you; And all the Service I ' am capable of doing in it cannot come up ' to my Deſires.

London,

London, August 15. On Friday the Dutchess of Bedford was brought to Bed of a Son.

This day the Court went into Mourning for Prince Christian of Hanover, who was lately drown'd in the Danube, in an Action between the French and the Imperialists.

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LOST from Mickleham near Leatherhead in Surrrey, on Sunday the First of August 1703, a large Setting Dog, Red and White colour, thick hair'd, and very Fat, with a Blaze down his Face, his Ears Red, and his Legs very full of Red Spots, lately trim'd behind, and a white Bob at the end of his Tail, and was by Description seen at Battersey on Friday the Sixth of this Month with a Brass Collar about his Neck. Whoever brings him to Mrs. Windham's at the Axe and Gate in King-street Westminster, or to Mr. Toy's at the Swan at Leatherhead, shall have a Guinea Reward.

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